



Vicksburg National Military Park Youth Leadership Academy APPLICATION

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM

The **Youth Leadership Academy** is a new program sponsored by Vicksburg National Military Park. This pilot program will include ten high school students from the Vicksburg area. The selection of students will be announced on Monday, May 20, 2013.

The purpose of the Youth Leadership Academy is to involve young leaders at the Military Park to promote volunteerism, youth empowerment, education and stewardship for the National Park Service. Our mission is to help develop student leaders, raise consciousness in our community, and encourage creativity in education about the historic significance of Vicksburg and the role of the National Park Service. Participants will gain hands-on experience in many different National Park Service career fields, participate in field excursions around the park and region, expand their knowledge of the Campaign and Siege of Vicksburg, and pass that knowledge on to their peers and others through mentorship and service projects.

One unique aspect of the Academy is the youth involvement in the planning and implementation of the program – we provide the experiences, you provide the creativity and goals! The Academy will run from Monday, June 17, 2013 until Sunday, June 23, 2013.

ELIGIBILITY

- Freshman, sophomore or junior currently enrolled in high school.
- Students must fully complete and submit the Youth Leadership Academy Application on pages 2-4.
- Attendance is necessary; students must be willing to commit to attending all seven days and attending Academy lectures, activities, field trips and maintaining a photo journal during the academy which will be used to prepare a Powerpoint program to be presented at a later date.

APPLICATION

Applicant's Name: _____
Last First MI

Address: _____
Street City Zip

School: _____

Classification in 2012/2013 School Year: _____

Phone #: _____
Home Cell Work

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Gender: (M / F)

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Parent/Legal Guardian #1

Name: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Relationship: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian #2

Name: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Relationship: _____

REFERENCES

Please list one reference, not relatives, who have knowledge of you academically and/or personally.

1) Name: Phone #:_____

Relationship (neighbor, friend, etc.):_____

How long have they known you:_____

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, May 13, 2013 by 5:00 p.m.

Application Submission Deadline

Monday, May 20, 2013 Time to be determined.

Selection of students will be made. Selectees will be notified via phone.

Monday, June 17th, 2013 - Sunday, June 23, 2013

Youth Leadership Academy

ARTISTIC EXPRESSION TOPIC

In your preferred form of artistic expression (see guidelines below) please answer the following question:

A recent study conducted by the Pew Research Center suggested that most Americans believe the Civil War is still relevant to American politics and public life today. In what way do the events that occurred 150 years ago in our country continue to hold relevance in your life today?

ARTISTIC EXPRESSION GUIDELINES

ALL work must be ORIGINAL.

- All visual work (ex. painting, drawing, photography, etc.) must be accompanied by a 250 word description and all multimedia presentations must be submitted on a CD or DVD.

Examples of artistic expressions include:

- Paintings
- Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers.
- Photographic essay
- Video (Length: 2-5 minutes)
- Audio presentation – Example: Voice recording, public service announcement (Length: 90 – 120 seconds)
- Essay (250 words)
- Poem (Two pages)

Submission Deadline: Monday, May 13, 2013

**Please return complete application to:
Vicksburg National Military Park
Attn: YLA Committee
3201 Clay Street
Vicksburg, MS 39183**

You may also drop off your application package to the Visitor Center.

Office: (601) 636-7840 / Fax: (601) 636-9497